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Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks after a Final Rejection. It is believed the Amendments place the claims in an allowable condition, and do not require further substantive Examination. Alternatively, the Amendments place the claims in better form for appeal. In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.